

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 3412 – SB 3267**

March 23, 2010

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015611):** Deletes the original language of the bill. Requires that reports of suspected child abuse include the telephone number of the child and the person responsible for care of the child. Requires law enforcement to forward reports of suspected child abuse to the Department of Children Services (DCS) within 24 hours of receipt of the report. Requires DCS to forward reports of suspected child abuse to appropriate law enforcement agencies within 24 hours of receipt of the report. Requires DCS and law enforcement agencies to maintain a log of all reports of child abuse. Requires any employee of a school district, aware of investigations of employee misconduct which involve alleged child abuse, to report those investigations to DCS and appropriate law enforcement agencies within 24 hours.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant  
Increase State Expenditures – \$50,000/One-Time  
\$16,900/Recurring

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to DCS, all cases of alleged child abuse are currently reported to law enforcement within 24 hours.
- According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, all cases of alleged child abuse are currently reported to DCS within 24 hours.

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- According to the Tennessee Chiefs of Police, submitting reports of alleged child abuse to DCS within 24 hours can be accommodated within existing resources and will result in a not significant increase to local government expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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